



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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May 18, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LAED

Re: CARLO TRESCA

You will recall that some weeks ago I interviewed Mrs. Carlo Tresca, a.k.a. Margaret DeSilver, at the office of her attorney, Mr. Stanley, onetime Assistant to the Attorney General. At that time the Bureau's lack of jurisdiction concerning the death of her husband was explained, but when she referred to Carlos Contreras as an CGPU agent located in Mexico City, I informed her the FBI was always interested in receiving pictures or other data concerning agents of any foreign country or ideological groups who might enter the United States or violate its laws.

As a result, I am in receipt of the attached envelope from her which contained a sheet of note paper bearing her name and address as a heading, and a small envelope bearing what is presumably her writing, submitting two negatives of an individual identified by her as Contreras Sormenti.

Prints have been made of these pictures and will be used by the Bureau [redacted]

Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford

Attachment

cc - Mr. Welch



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Dr. G. Brown  
130 West 12<sup>th</sup> S.  
New York, N.Y.  
April 1940



Mr. John K. Humphrey  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.  
Washington D.C.



It is pointed out that the alias most frequently employed by  
Vidali is "Carlos Contreras."

It is desired that this matter be afforded preferred and expeditious  
attention and that you take whatever steps are necessary in order to insure  
the submission of a letter or report outlining the results of your inquiries  
not later than June 15, 1943.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Enclosure

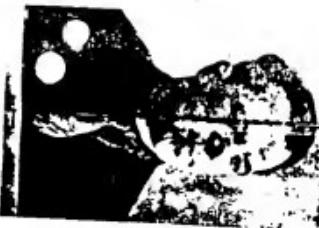
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CARLO TRESCA	MEXICO SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES-S & R	

**ENCLOSURE ATTACHED** DE REFERRED RECORD  
Report of 850 st México, D. F., dated 4-16-43.  
Bureau letter dated 4-20-43.  
Bureau cable dated 4-23-43. (Bureau file 61-1335)

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CARLO TRESCA

5-2-43

ENCLOSURES: [REDACTED]

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CONTRERAS.

Three photostats of signature of CARLOS J.  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice,  
Miami, Florida  
May 15, 1943

Director, FBI

Attention: SAC

Re: ~~JESUS JUANITO VIDAL~~, with aliases  
Bureau file 61-1335

*Italy  
Mexico*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter, dated April 30, 1943, in the above captioned matter.

The records of the Foreign Travel Control Project of this office were checked against the name of the Subject and his various aliases with negative results. A similar check was made at the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service pursuant to instructions in reference letter, again with negative results.

In this connection, your attention is called to the fact that any check of the records of the local Immigration office should not be deemed to be complete inasmuch as such records are not up to date.

Appropriate stop notices have been placed with the Foreign Travel Control Project of this office so that in the event Subject does travel through this port by air, this office will be immediately advised.

It is requested that the Bureau advise this office as to what action is desired in the event Subject passes through this port. It is further requested that this office receive notification in the event stop notices are no longer necessary.

Very truly yours,

*A. P. Kitchen*  
A. P. KITCHEN  
SAC

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cc El Paso  
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SAC, Miami

May 29, 1943

Re: JESUS SORRIMENTE VIDALI,  
with aliases.

Dear Sir:

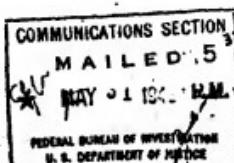
Reference is made to the letter directed to the Bureau on May 15, 1943 by the Miami Field Division, copies of which were made available to the Offices receiving this communication.

For the information of the Miami, El Paso, and San Antonio Field Divisions, the Bureau is primarily interested at this time in the travels of Sorrimente Vidali during December, 1942 and January and February, 1943. However, if any information should come to the attention of your Office relative to the future travals of the subject, the Bureau should be immediately advised by teletype, at which time the Field should request advice as to the procedure desired by the Bureau in following the activities of this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_ CC: El Paso  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ San Antonio  
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Carlo Tresca

Section 8

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

JTG:IV  
100-9744

June 1, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: CARLO TESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY (I)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 25, 1943 which enclosed copies of a report dated May 2, 1943 made available to the Bureau by a confidential source.

It is believed that [REDACTED] had in mind the Mazzini Society which has its headquarters in New York. No organization by the name of Manocini Italian League is known in the New York area. It is known, however, that TESCA uses influence to expel Communist elements from the Mazzini Society. It is not believed, however, that CONTRERAS was a member of the Mazzini Society in New York or that TESCA caused his expulsion therefrom. No information to this effect has ever been obtained by this field office, and it is believed to be erroneous.

The above is being sent for your information.

Very truly yours, RECORD IN

E. E. Conroy 61-1335-326  
E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

JTG:PS  
100-9744

New York, New York

May 31, 1943

Director, FBI

~~Director, FBI~~

Dear Sir:

RE: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY (I)

A column entitled, "PINS AND NEEDLES" in the official organ of the INTERNATIONAL LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION, "LA GIUSTIZIA" carried an article under the name of LUIGI ANTONINI.

This article concerns itself with the TRESCA homicide. It was translated at the New York Field Division by a Bureau translator, and a copy thereof is being enclosed herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
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E. E. Conroy  
Special Agent in Charge

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Excerpt taken from "La Giustizia", official organ of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

"PINS AND NEEDLES"  
"PITALE, A LITTLE SNAKE, CACCHIONE, AND AN ONLY MASTERS" (p. 10)  
"WHO KILLED TRESCA?"

"Carlo Tresca was assassinated on the night of January 11, 1943. The following day, January 12th, after the questioning of numerous friends and companions of Tresca, the assistant District Attorney Grumet, who directed the inquiries, decided to hold a kind of collective conference of all the friends and companions of Tresca who were gathered there. An agreeable D'Artagnan spoke on behalf of all, but I have not permission to mention his surname. I shall only say that his name is Arturo, but I hasten to add that it is not Arturo Giovannitti.

"The pleasant D'Artagnan, mouthpiece of all the followers of Tresca present in the office of the district attorney - and among these was EZIO TADDEI - said clearly and flatly that they all had one common opinion: that the assassin should be searched for among the Communists. In fact the Communists had the political motive and the personal motive in wiping him out, as well as the means and the men to do the job. It was also pointed out to Grumet that Carlo Tresca expected from one day to the next to meet his end at the hands of Communists.

"The aforesaid 'theory' that CARLO TRESCA was killed by Communists was not, therefore, invented by me.

"The 'theory' was above all presaged by CARLO before his tragic end, and was then adopted by all his friends and companions - those who are genuine and sincere - with spontaneity and unanimity.

"THE WHITE IN THE BLACK AND THE BLACK IN THE WHITE"

"The Communists, when they had been accused, summoned forth all their resources. ROBERT MINOR, speaking for BROWDER, made a long 'statement' in which he maintained that the Communists had never assassinated anyone and therefore they had not killed TRESKA either.

"ELIZABETH CURIS FLYNN maintained that it was necessary to look for a jealous husband.

"The Legion, allied to the Communists, did its part supporting not only the familiar thesis that the Fascists should be blamed exclusively, but also that Russia should be excluded because at that time Russia could not commit deeds which would be deleterious to good diplomatic relations!!! Sentimental subtleties that MOLOTOFF must have overlooked a few days later when he instructed LITVINOFF to inform America clearly and emphatically that ALTER and ENRICH were officially executed in Russia.

ENCLOSURE

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"At the large and impressive funeral arranged by those who loved TRESCA, mention was made of Totalitarian crimes and the whole American press echoed the voice of the speakers who sounded the alarm warning against bringing to America the system of political assassinations. It then seemed to the leaders of the Communist party and their allies that the matter was becoming dangerous, and that the only means of salvation was to turn white into black, and to make black white: in other words, to tangle the skein.

"NATALE CUNEO INTERVENES"

"To clarify the mystery I suggested that we proceed to invoke the spirit of TRESCA, seeking certainty at the moving table of NATALE CUNEO.

"But apparently the testimony of CARLO TRESCA provoked fear. It was rejected as vigorously by the Communists as by their old and new allies.

"But the table must have spoken with impatience, because I received the following letter dated April 12th:

"Dear Antonini:

"Your hypothesis concerning the TRESCA case is very logical. I do not understand why certain obsessed fanatics do not want to take it under consideration. Such methods will never cast light on the obscure crime.

"My 'moving table' . . . . tells me certain things - which perhaps you already know - but if you want to find out, just let me know.

"Until then, I wish you always good battles and better luck.

"Affectionately yours,  
NATALE CUNEO."

"THE LITTLE SNAKE"

"Taddei!"

"TRESCA - when he was on speaking terms with him - called him 'the rude

"They all had TADDEI, the refractory, the pro-TRESCA, the anti-Communists, and now the Communists who use him until such time as they will spurn him. . . and blame him.

"Where did the idea come from of using a Treasca-ite against . . . . .  
TRESCA?

"It seems possible. In fact TADDEI published, in Italian and English, a precise document, a 'memorial' in which, to his well known novel on . . . the jealous lover he added some supplementary notes in which the memory of CARLO TRESCA was profaned.

"What has been written can be read. For instance, on page 12 of the Italian text one reads that TRESCA, before going to GERLI's banquet to raise money for War Bonds, had called this pure pearl of an anti-Fascist 'by name of MARCELLO GIROSI to obtain from him the assurance that POPE would not be there'.

"And as though TRESCA'S telephone call were not enough, this intransigent opponent of contacts added that he himself telephoned the above-mentioned champion of anti-Fascism MARCELLO GIROSI to get the same assurance that POPE would not be present at GERLI'S banquet.

"With his conscience at rest, and sure of not having made any concession to the hated fascist colony, TADDEI therefore told CARLO TRESCA it was all right for him to go to the banquet.

"According to TADDEI, if POPE had not come, everything would have been all right, especially as among those present at the dinner with TRESCA were the following pure and noted anti-Fascists: PAOLINO GERLI, Father SILVESTRO, MARZIALE SISCA, MARCELLO GIROSI, the Treasurer PORTFOLIO, and EDWARD CORSI.

"In other words the entire old guard was there. TRESCA would have been happy in such company and would have eaten and drunk and mixed well with GIROSI, Father SILVESTRO, and other anti-Fascists, if only the 'unwanted guest' POPE had not appeared to pollute the atmosphere. . . ."

"As you see, EZIO TADDEI mocks the intelligence of his readers.

"THE BOAT SENDS WATER IN ALL DIRECTIONS"

"Shall we take EZIO TADDEI seriously? God forbid! We can't even dream of it!

"In fact, after having wined and dined at the expense of the district attorney, and after having collaborated with innumerable detectives, accusing first of all SORMENTI and not sparing PACCARDI either, TADDEI found it necessary to 'pass the buck' and relieve his conscience.

"With a face harder than iron he wrote that I, ENRICO ANTONINI, had telephoned the police on the night of the crime at 11:15 - while in fact at this hour I was sound asleep and I would not have awakened if I had not received a 'phone call from ARTURO GIOVANNITTI after midnight.

"On request, I went to see the district attorney three or four weeks after the crime. I went there on the last train because of the most direct train many times previously I had met EZIO TADDEI! For three weeks he stayed in the office of the district attorney pointing an accusing finger at Ezio SORMENTI.

"Oh! He was also at the 'farm' in New Jersey of which neither I nor anyone else in my office know the whereabouts! However, the 'farm', I am told, exists and there also exists the testimony of those who have seen the man who is being searched for - who have seen him fairly recently at this farm, just at the time that TRESCA said the 'friend' had been seen in this locality. He did not say it only to me, but also to LIONETTI, to TROLANI, to GEDO, to RIBARICH, etc., etc.

#### "THE SOLAR SYSTEM"

"EZIO, with all the wealth of his fertile imagination, embroidered on the coincidence of the two banquets on November 14th!! Like the 'Arabian Nights'

"But . . . . but . . . . and here is the catch, in his 'memorial' there is not even a hint of the vitriolic attacks continuously made by TRESCA to the henchmen of STALIN, and particularly to the Comm. DON CARLOS, the man of the 'revolvers at the back of the neck'.

"By this time EZIO had fallen into the orbit of the solar system of STALIN.

"He fell into the arms of PIETRINO.

"In fact he frequented the same places as the reporter LIBERMAN of the NEW YORK POST whose first-rate story TADDEI copied, revised and distorted.

"The places are:

1. The benches of Union Square.
2. The seat of the Communist Republic of Roccacannuccia.
3. The seat of the Communist paper UNITA DEL POPOLO.
4. The printing place of LUPINO.

"But EZIO did not do stupid things. He did not sleep with his eyes shut. He kept at least one eye open.

"The Communists could kill two birds with one stone. They could play with him and then blame the jealous husband, or POPE, or ANTONELLI, or my 'secretary'.

"If, after all, EZIO does not think of anything else but the old trick, the suit for slander, to collect money, he may be lucky and fool other people, but not me."

"IS IT HE OR IS IT NOT?"

"Our publication of the clippings from the Mexican newspapers which destroyed SORMENTI'S alibi disturbs the editors of the Communist sheet.

"They maintain that these clippings do not reveal anything because SORMENTI is not mentioned by name and address.

"Who ever would have suspected so much ingenuity or difficulty of comprehension in those who know the language and so are in a position to read between the lines, as well as know the past, the present, and the future?

"That is enough about the Communist terror, enemy of Tresca, with headquarters in Mexico City, because all these anti-Fascists understand quickly. But so that all the functionaries of the dialectics may understand, it is necessary to write to VITTORIO VIDALI, alias ENEA SORMENTI, alias CARLOS CONTRERAS, and especially PITALE. And if they had to write to all those names, who would have the hard work? EZIO TADDEI would be the first to say: It is not he!"

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida  
June 3, 1943

Director, FBI

Attention: 5 AG

Re: JESUS SANCHEZ VILLE, with aliases  
FOREIGN TRAVEL RECORD  
BUREAU FILE 61-1335

Dear Sir:

Total  
Miami

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 25, 1943, in the above captioned matter, which directs that the Immigration Service be contacted for the purpose of determining whether there is any data available relative to the travels of subject. Supplementing the examination reported in Miami letter to the Bureau dated May 15, 1943, the records of the Immigration Service at Miami, Florida, were again checked on June 3, 1943, for references to subject, with negative results.

The stop notice already on file is being maintained, in accordance with Bureau letter dated May 29, 1943.

Pending the receipt of further information or the travel of subject through this port, this case is being placed in a closed status.

Very truly yours,

C. P. KITCHIN  
A. P. KITCHIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: San Antonio  
El Paso  
Philadelphia (100-19687)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1679

El Paso, Texas

June 5, 1943

Director, FBI.

Carlo Treccia

Re: JESUS MARENTES MEDALI, with aliases  
Bureau File No. 761-1339

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 25, 1943, addressed to the San Antonio Field Division in connection with the above-captioned person, a copy of which was sent to this office.

Following receipt of the copy of this letter, the photographs of the subject which were contained therein were exhibited to Train, Plaza and Hearing Inspectors of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, El Paso, with negative results. It is noted that the files of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Santa Fe Bridge, El Paso, have been previously checked against the name of the subject and all his aliases, as reported in letter from this office dated May 12, 1943.

RECORDED *61-1335-329*

No further investigation in connection with this matter is contemplated at the present time unless the Bureau advises otherwise.



CC: Miami  
7-10 San Antonio  
TIN: mld  
100-2989

Very truly yours,

D. A. BRYCE,  
SAC.

*D. A. Bryce*



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J. C. McGrath

July 7, 1943

Mr. J. C. McGrath  
FBI, New York

Re: Carlo Traces

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that Jesus Soriano Villalba, alias C. Rios Corral, etc., was in Mexico City at the time Carlo Traces was murdered in New York City on January 11, 1943. In this connection you will recall that newspaper releases emanating from the office of the District Attorney of New York County indicated that this office considered Villalba as a suspect in this case.

Although the Bureau is conducting no inquiry concerning the murder of Traces, it is, of course, interested in securing any facts pertinent to this case. Accordingly, your Office should endeavor to discreetly determine the up-to-date status of this case and should furnish any information resulting from your efforts to the Bureau by return mail. It is pointed out that the Bureau is particularly interested in determining whether Frank Gargiulo, who is presently believed to be residing in Florida, is still considered a suspect in this case by the investigating authorities in New York City.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
FBI Director

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New York, New York

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Director, FBI

June 30, 1943.

Re: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY (I)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 19, 1943 which expressed the desire that a proposed interview with [REDACTED] be arranged immediately, and that he be discreetly interviewed concerning matters previously set out in my letter of April 3, 1943.

Further reference is made to the New York communication of April 3, 1943 which set out a quotation from the letter of Assistant Director E. J. Connelly of August 28, 1941 in the case entitled, [REDACTED]

It may appear that the New York Office was recently contemplating interviewing [REDACTED] This may have

been the thought originally expressed in the communication of Assistant Director E. J. Connelly, but it was not being contemplated at the time my letter of April 3, 1943 was written.

It is not believed advisable that [REDACTED] should be interviewed at this time as interviews with him are conducted under an unfavorable condition for Bureau agents in that [REDACTED] always has two of his assistants, [REDACTED] assist at the interview. It is to be borne in mind that information previously developed by this Office indicates that Mr. MONTANA is a former Communist who engaged in violent action in Europe and now is connected with the Italian Socialist Party in this country. It is further pointed out that any inquiry concerning any [REDACTED] at a prior date may bring up the matter of the murder of CARLO TRESCA which it is believed should be avoided so as not to place the Bureau in an embarrassing position.

In addition it is not believed that an interview with [REDACTED] would be productive of any results at this time. Unless the Bureau believes to the contrary, the request set forth in Bureau letter of April 19, 1943 will not be complied with. D.K.

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Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY 101-13256  
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United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

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July 3, 1943

Director, FBI

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Re: CARLO TRESCA

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] has transmitted to this office the original of a letter addressed to the Stuyvesant Fifth Avenue Corp., 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City on the stationery of the American Civil Liberties Union, New York City dated June 17, 1943. The letter forwarded by [REDACTED] is signed by ROGER N. BALDWIN and states that the American Civil Liberties Union has been asked to transmit a request from friends of the late CARLO TRESCA that they be permitted to put up on the outside of 100 Fifth Avenue a small plaque in commemoration of his assassination in January.

[REDACTED] also furnished to this office a copy of his letter to the American Civil Liberties Union dated June 18, 1943 in which the request of Mr. BALDWIN was refused.

The foregoing is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

JTG:AHD  
100-9744

July 14, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: CARLO TESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY (I)  
(Bureau File 61-1335)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 7, 1943 requesting the New York office to discreetly determine the up-to-date status of this case.

You are advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office contacted [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York, a subject of an investigative file in this office. He has been an informant of the [REDACTED] for years on [REDACTED] and at the present time he is furnishing information to the [REDACTED] and to the [REDACTED] in regard to the investigation of the TESCA case.

[REDACTED] stated that FRANK GAROFALO had gone to Miami Beach, Florida where he is at present. [REDACTED] FRANK GAROFALO's brother, VINCENZO, had been in Florida, but has disappeared because of the fact that he is being sought by the Alcohol Tax Unit for an alleged violation of law and by the District Attorney's Office of New York County for questioning relative to the TESCA case.

[REDACTED] stated that the police have located the alleged owner of the homicide car, who had used the name of PAPPAS. This individual's true name is [REDACTED] Brooklyn, New York. He is 38 years of age and is married.

At the same time, the police are searching for an individual known as DON GIOVANNI, last name unknown, who was a contractor of sportswear. The police are tracking down a rumor that TESCA and LUIGI ANTONINI, secretary of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, would shadow down various contractors by threatening strikes unless certain payments were



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made to them. This individual, DON GIOVANNI, is rumored to have been the victim of one of these shake-downs and may have taken an act of reprisal upon TRESCA. However this rumor has not been confirmed by other sources.

[REDACTED] stated that the police were also checking upon the following individuals who are believed to be Italians: "Chick" WILSON, who had a candy store at 44 Prince Street, New York City, and ZIO (uncle) NINO DOMINGO, who operated a cafe at 22 Stanton Street, New York City.

These individuals are alleged to have made collections for CARMINE GALANTE at one time. "Chick" Wilson's son, SEBASTIAN WILSON, who is also known as "Buster", is alleged to be a good shot, and it is suspected he may have been the trigger man who shot TEDESCO.

[REDACTED] stated that the police and the District Attorney's office were still investigating the homicide of THESSCA. However he gave it as his opinion that the District Attorney's office did not appear too anxious to prosecute any one. This may be because they haven't sufficient evidence or possibly because some political pressure may have been brought on that office.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that Mayor La Guardia has been cool to any prosecution because of certain political support he may have received from GAROFALO's gang.

[REDACTED] advised that the political motive in the homicide can be ruled out, and that the real motive was a personal one. He attributed the motive as being the insults received by FRANK GAROFALO at the hands of TESCA and TESCA's remarks concerning Miss DOLORES FACCINI.

Regarding this last [redacted] stated that on the night of December 31, 1942 TRESCA had invited EDWARD CORSI, former immigration commissioner of New York and chairman of the alien enemyhearing board in the Southern District of New York, and Dr. CHARLES TAMA, noted anti-Fascist, to Gamberi's Restaurant in New York.

It is said that GAROFALO entered the restaurant accompanied by Miss WAGONI, and TRESCA made slurring remarks regarding her and GAROFALO.

Any new developments in this case will be promptly reported to the Bureau as soon as they are ascertained.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy SAC

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York 7, New York

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100-9744

July 24, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY (I)

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for inclusion in your file on the above captioned subject two photographs each of FRANK GAROFALO and JOSE BONANNO, which were furnished to this office by informant [REDACTED]. As you recall, GAROFALO and BONANNO are the leaders of the Castellamarese gang in New York City.

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of this office that PAPPAS, who was supposed to have procured the automobile used by the killer of the subject, could not be identified by the seller of the automobile. As you already know, [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
E. E. CONROY, SAC

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REPORTED BY: [REDACTED]

TITLE: CARLO TRESCA

CHARACTER: MEXICO SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES  
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SYNOPSIS: [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM. The article appeared on page 1 of EL POPULAR dated January 12, 1943, and continued over to page 4, column 5A of same issue. In column 6A the name CORONEL CARLOS CONTRERAS appears. A clipping of this article of EL POPULAR of January 12, 1943, is being forwarded herewith to the Bureau.

It was learned that HERBERT BURSLEY, Counselor of the American Embassy at Mexico City, and Mr. ROBERT McGREGOR, First Secretary of the American Embassy at Mexico, D. F., attended the said banquet. Both Mr. BURSLEY and Mr. McGREGOR were shown photographs of CARLOS CONTRERAS and were asked whether or not they remembered seeing the said person at the banquet. Both answered that he could not positively state that he had seen CONTRERAS at the banquet. However, both stated that the fact that they did not remember seeing him there did not mean that he was not there. They both stated that there were so many people there and because of the fact that the banquet had taken place several months ago they felt that their memory was hazy and that the photograph of him could not furnish them with the present recollection of having seen him. u

There are being inclosed herewith for inclusion in Bureau files, two copies of the above mentioned booklet "EN DEFENSE DE UN ANTIFASCISTA" by MARIO MONTAGNA. Two copies of said booklet are being retained in the files at Mexico City. u



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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

- (1) Newspaper clipping from EL POPULAR dated January 12, 1943, regarding the banquet given in honor of LUIS QUINTANILLA on January 11, 1943, at the Lido Restaurant which was attended by CONTRERAS.
- (2) Booklet entitled EN DEFENSE DE UN ANTI FASCISTA by Mario Montagnana.

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Dated: August 4, 1943

TO: [REDACTED] New York

FROM: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] CANAL ZEPPELINS

For your information and the completion of the file in your office which is maintained in the registered case, there are attached copies of a report which was recently made available to the Bureau by [REDACTED]. There are likewise enclosed copies of a summary which has been made of a pamphlet entitled "La Parada de un antisemita", which is referred to in the previously-mentioned report. You will observe that the subject of this pamphlet, which was prepared by Mario Montanaro, is Jesus Francisco Vidal, alias Carlos Gutierrez, who is considered as a suspect in the Carlo Rosseli murder.

It is to be noted that the confidential source who made the foregoing report available to the Bureau has determined that suspect Vidal was in Germany during all of August, 1943, when he was last known to have been in New York City.

Enclosure

Re: Available Copy

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SUMMARY OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

From "EL POPULAR," January 12, 1943.

ENTHUSIASTIC HOMAGE TO MEXICAN MINISTER IN USSR

Brilliant speeches are made at the departure of the one honored, Luis Quintanilla, and the writer, Mancisidor.

This article is a resume of the farewell banquet given for Luis Quintanilla, Mexican Minister in USSR. Professor Jose Mancisidor, President of the Society of Friends of the USSR, presided at the banquet. The article goes into detail of the speeches eulogizing Mexico, her president, Avila Camacho, and the relationship now achieved between Mexico and the Soviet. Quintanilla accepts all the compliments and well wishes of the group for his country, Mexico, and its president and expresses his gratitude and thanks for their ovation. The audience requests that Licenciado Lombardo Toledano make a speech but he declines. The article then goes on to list the various persons attending the banquet (January 11, 1943) one of whom was Colonel Carlos Contreras.

Translated by:

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SUMMARY FROM THE SPANISH

IN DEFENSE OF AN ANTI-FASCIST by Mario Montagnana

"POLICE MYSTERY OR POLITICAL REVENGE"

The preface by the editors is a biographical sketch of the author, relating his life in Europe as a Communist leader, his attestation on the Tresca case in relation with the glorious name of "Comandante Carlos" which reflects not only Montagnana's personal observation but also the opinions of many people as whole-heartedly anti-Fascists as he. The pamphlet to be summarized is actually a defense of Vittorio Vidali against the slander which was spread about him and an accusation of another party for the death of Carlos Tresca.

The first section of the pamphlet is entitled "THE HISTORY OF A PERSECUTION." This portion of the pamphlet deals with the life and background of Vittorio Vidali (Colonel Carlos J. Contreras). The author, a personal friend of Vidali, relates the times that the latter was imprisoned and exiled for his political beliefs.

"40 BODIES IN A GRAVE"

Shortly after Vidali arrived in Mexico, it was announced that forty bodies had been thrown in a grave in the environs of the city - forty people assassinated by a monster, Carlos Contreras. The grave nor the bodies were ever seen and the matter was soon dropped. Later the painter, Diego Rivera (expelled from the Communist Party in 1929 for worthlessness and immoral acts, also a known friend of Leon Trotsky) accused Carlos Contreras of being an organizer of revolts and an assassinator of millions. As was expected, this thrust was used in the campaign against the immigration of refugees to Mexico who had been victims of Fascism.

"THE ATTACK AT THE HOME OF TROTSKI"

In May of 1940, a group of people attacked the Trotski home. Immediately his followers accused Carlos Contreras. Although the police had Vidali's (alias Contreras) address, he was not questioned and when Adalberto Tejeda, ex-Ambassador of Mexico in Spain and present Ambassador in Peru, wrote to the Chief of Police, Juan Jose Nunez, asking if the police had any charges against Vidali, the answer was in the negative. Still the campaign against Vidali continued. He wrote an article for "Excelsior" and "El Popular" denying accusations, yet when Trotski was killed in August of that year, Vidali was the first one accused by the deceased man's friends, despite the fact that Jacques Monard was detained at the place of the killing.

On the afternoon of Saturday, August 24, 1940, Vittorio Vidali spent the afternoon and evening in the company of friends and family members. After

the fifteen days were up, he was released due to the intervention of the President of the Republic who apologized for the "previous error" committed against him.

#### OTHER SLANDEROUS TROTSKI FOLLOWERS

An investigation as to the authorship of an article accusing Contreras of being an agent from Moscow sent to start Communist uprisings in Mexico revealed that the author was none other than the Trotzki Party leader, Julian Gorkin.

#### THE DEATH OF TINA MODOTTI

On January 6, 1942, Tina Modotti, Vidali's friend and companion died of a heart attack. Although Vidali ordered an autopsy which proved that the death had been caused by a heart attack, again the Trotzki Party accused him of assassination.

#### THE LIFE OF AN ANTI-FASCIST

The author states that his close comradeship and friendship with Vidali enable him to write with assurance about the latter's life. The next few paragraphs go on with more and more of Vidali's imprisonment and expulsion from various countries, including his life in Spain.

#### THE TESCA CASE

On January 11, at 9:45 P.M., Carlos Tresca, renowned Italian Anarchist, was shot. The shooting occurred on one of the main streets of New York City. The author and Vidali heard of the murder by means of the Mexican newspaper the following day. At one time Tresca and Vidali had worked together and been close friends. Later, Tresca in his paper, "El Martillo" published violent accusations against his old friend, Vidali, because the latter had not, like himself, changed his ideas and turned anti-soviet and anti-Communist.

#### AN INFAMY AND AN ERROR

A few days after the death of Tresca, Vidali was accused of his death. Luigi Antonini, Secretary of "Local 89" claimed that there was a 95% probability that the murderer was a Communist, only 5% that he was a Fascist. In reason for Vidali's wishing to murder Tresca, Antonini pointed out the articles which Tresca had published against Vidali - completely ignoring those fine defenses which he had made for him at an earlier date. Other anti-Fascists and various party leaders joined the accusations. The New York police accepted these ideas and began to search for Carlos Contreras. In answer to the search planned for Sorrenti (pseudonym by which Vidali is known in the United States), President of Lamberville, wrote to the paper, "El Maestro Popular" stating that Sorrenti was admired and respected by many others than Communists and that the accusation made against him for the murder of Tresca was ridiculous. These complaints were listed both in favor of the accused and in opposition to it. Vidali himself, wrote the

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before-mentioned paper denying the charges and expressing dislike for the political parties by whom he was being blamed.

#### WHERE WAS VITTORIO VIDALI ON JANUARY 11?

In answer to that question, Vidali's whereabouts on the 11th, 12th and 13th were stated. On the 11th he attended a banquet for Luis Quintanilla at "El Lido," a restaurant at No. 6 San Juan de Letran Street, Mexico City. His name was listed in the paper as being present at this banquet. On the 12th he attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the "Giuseppe Garibaldi" Alliance for the Freedom of Italy" and was one of the prominent figures of the meeting. On the 13th he was present at an Assembly of the above-mentioned group in Mexico City and was so listed on the records of the meeting.

#### SOME QUESTIONS

Elio Taddei, anarchist and intimate friend of Carlo Tresca, asked why, if the American police really suspected Vidali of the crime, they did not immediately set the Mexican police searching Mexico City to see if the "criminal" were really there at the time that Tresca was killed in New York? Taddei gives the plane schedules to Mexico from New York and claims that the police fumbled as they had all the time necessary to make proper investigations before Vidali could have arrived in Mexico had he been in New York on January 11th.

#### WHO ARE THE ACCUSERS OF VIDALI?

The following men, primarily for political reasons, are those accusing Vidali. Luigi Antonini, Ex-Internal Revenue Guard of the King of Italy. In the first place, this man is attempting to have Generoso Pope, Fascist, racketeer and millionaire, accepted as anti-Fascist. Secondly, Antonini would like to impede the unity of the Italian anti-Fascist movement in America.

Vanni Montana, Antonini's right-hand man has been proven a traitor, politician and has been expelled from every party to which he has ever belonged.

Alberto Tarobiani, Editor-in-Chief of the Italian paper "Il Corriere della Sera" defended, in fact, praised Fascism. His worst enemies are Communism and the Soviet Union.

Alberto Cianca, a newspaperman, is a rabid opponent of the anti-Fascist group and all their works.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MOBILITY CAMPAIGN  
The purpose of the Mobility campaign is to discredit the anti-Fascist movement and to discredit the American Communists by the Fascist elements in order to throw disrepute and shame upon Communism and anti-Fascism in general. The

rapidity with which the Fascist blamed Vidali points out to an intelligent public that the death might have been planned simply to cause trouble for the Communists. The accusers stated that Fresca had criticized Vidali in editorials and thus had given him a motive for the murder; yet, Fresca criticized Fascism more than Communism and many people other than Vidali, who would give hundreds of people the necessary motive for murdering Carlo Fresca. Fresca's death occurred at a time that was most detrimental to the momentum to the Italian anti-Fascist movement was gaining in America and also served to split the Communist forces in this country.

#### OUR OBJECTIVES

First, we wish to defend a loyal and capable leader of the anti-Fascist movement (Vidali). Second, to show how the Trotki Party did not hesitate to lay the blame where they wished in their campaign against Communism, anti-Fascism and the Soviet Union - all done under the direction of Doctor Goebbel. And last, we wish to tell the police that in following Antonini's blow as to the killer of Fresca, they are on the wrong track entirely.

#### OUR MATTHEW CASE

The author decries the poor work of the police on the Fresca case claiming that the case faded from the papers due to lack of new developments. He also states that those people working against anti-Fascism and Communism are working in the direct interest of Mussolini and Hitler.

#### APPENDIX

Erie Taddei, intimate friend and close collaborator of Carlo Fresca, derides the American "free press" for their temerity in accusing and exposing criminals and then gives a description and relation of the murder of Fresca intended to expose the truths of the matter.

The attacks made by Fresca in his paper "Il Martello" on Generoso Pope and his "gang" caused great animosity between the two to the point that Fresca, having been assured that Pope was not attending a dinner to which he (Fresca) had been invited and went, left the banquet when he saw that his enemy was entering the room. Before leaving the banquet, Fresca stated to the assembled company that he could not stay since Pope had come. "This is too much," he said, "not only a Fascist, but also a gangster." Fresca told Taddei that night that he expected trouble from that scene. Later in the evening the girl who had accompanied Pope's henchman to the dinner, Adelina Piacenti, called on Fresca requesting that he remain silent about the scene which had occurred earlier in the evening. She received his promise, left saying that she would have nothing more to do with the gangster. A few days later, after she had gone, Fresca visited his fears that something might happen and notified Inspector Pepe of the F.B.I., 33344, New York City.

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At that time Tresca stated that should he be killed, the police should look for Generoso Pope. Nine years later, on January 9 an attempt was made to "run down" Tresca with a car. Tony Miharich, his companion at the time, was a witness to the whole thing and later identified a car (found near the scene of the murder) as being that same car which nearly killed Tresca two nights prior to his death. Galante, who was held by the police in connection with owning the truck which was found, stated that he was employed by Knickerbocker Trucking Co. The lawyer for this company was De Falco, well known as a protege of Generoso Pope. After Tresca's death, a man named Belmont tried to purchase his paper "Il Martello." On investigation it was found that Belmont was merely an agent for Generoso Pope. The author felt that to remain quiet on this matter would be a crime, thus he has set forth all the facts in his possession that all might read and evaluate them.

P. S. Montagnana adds that the annoyances which the Fascists caused Tresca began, not in 1934 but rather in 1926 when the Fascist party members tried to break up Communistic meetings and gatherings.

Summarized by:  
Marion H. Davis  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEED

Re: Carlo Tresca

Mr. Clark \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In view of the Bureau's interest in the captioned case it is suggested that an effort be made by the Espionage Section to procure all the back traffic on Jesus Vidal, alias Cirilo Contreras, American tourist No. 4, Yellico, D. F. It will be recalled that this individual is presently considered a prime suspect in the Carlo Tresca murder case, inasmuch as there are indications that Vidal, an alleged G.P.U. agent in Mexico City, was seen in New York City a short time prior to Tresca's assassination which occurred on January 11, 1943.

It is also suggested that an effort be made to secure the back traffic on Carlo Tresca; inasmuch as it is believed that the information contained therein may be of value in determining a motive for the crime and possibly the identity of the person responsible for the murder.

Lewis L. Goldsack was: Censor "El Matador"  
Respectfully,  
F. L. Welch

F. L. Welch

The back traffic on  
Vidal has been secured

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**EXAMINER'S NOTE:** Writer is reportedly a French Trotskyist now residing in Mexico and one of the leaders of the Revolutionary Socialists there.

Prophet referred to is one being prepared by European political refugees in Mexico in order to acquaint others with aspects of Socialism in thought in current opinion existing though not expressed in countries under dictatorship. The prophet will be multilingual.

\*Carlos may be Carlos Contreras or Ritter  
Ricardi (d 4601, 63%).

Prof. Trots is Francisco Trots ARE AGO,  
President of the Mexican Allende  
Social-Fascist Party, which admits Communists  
as members.

CNT is a clandestine National Revolutionary  
and Marxist Police General De Stael-Jordan.

Examination - None

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~~ALLIANZA GARIBOLDI~~  
 DR. FRANCESCO SARTORI  
 President (Conf. 500)  
 Apartado 177  
 Mexico, D. F.  
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TO:

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## COMMENT

Mussolini's Committee of the "Marsini" ordered by the high-ups. Writer therefore states that the "Marsini" crisis has reached its apex, and writer hopes that **SCOTTIA** (Mr. 4500, 6520) will rid himself of **MARCIANI** Giacomo and Antonini.

The Second principal source of dissidence in Argentina. The Argentine (Juraors) are **CILLA** and **GIACOTTEZI**.

Protests at the unscrupulous methods of the "Italia Libera" leaders. Mario Mariani, elected its President Nov. 26, and against the wishes of the majority, resigned his post. In Argentina also, there will be a clamour for unity which will not be denied, but first the saboteurs and agitators, who twenty years ago tainted Mussolini as the restorer of Italian order, must be ejected.

The victorious Allied African Campaign. The disintegration of the Fascist forces in Italy will facilitate an Allied landing in Italy, yet the "Marsini" claims: (1) It is impossible that there exists an Antifascist organization in Italy. (2) There are no capable figures to take the leadership when such time comes.

The situation of all Italians in the Americas has been:

- (1) There is no National Italian Committee.
- (2) The fundamental of the "Barbaro" legions are not lost.
- (3) The Italian Antifascist movement is in a period of lethargy which cannot be overcome without the concrete help of all Italians in America.
- (4) The Argentine Antifascists betrayed the trust placed in them at a time of deep crisis, planted at Monterrey, the Siches, corrupted political leaders of Uruguayan Italy.
- (5) United States Antifascists under the "Marsini" banner will soon disintegrate for reasons above stated. Therefore, the "Alliance Continente" must give up last claim, and work for:
  - (a) A united, new form of Antifascist without brothers.
  - (b) Organize a central agency which will direct all existing Antifascist movements, which, ultimately, later be become a National Committee which writer hopes will be presided by **SCOTTIA**.

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## COMMENT

(a) Immediately organize for an International  
Antifascist Congress.Writer states that this article is to be reproduced and used as  
the addresses see fit.

No Enclosures.

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FROM:

**MARTIN ROBERTS**  
 (RESEARCHER - SEE CHERYL TONE)  
 CARE OF 257 ST.  
 NEW YORK, N. Y.

TO:

**SEÑOR M. V. ALVAREZ**  
 c/o MEXICAN SOCIETY  
 1775 BROADWAY  
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Mr. Alder

Mr. Carter *PAS*  
 Mr. Donington

Mr. Tolson

*Otherway, Carlos*

Writer confirms his letter of April 2 in which he informed addressee of certain painful incidents which occurred during the commemoration meeting for Carlo Tressi, and the two Polish socialists, Szelick and Sierow, held by Spanish Syndicalists, Socialists, Polish Syndicalists and the Marxist colony to which the Marinini section adhered.

Writer states that at 7 o'clock on April 3, 1943, as the chief typographer of the shop where writer's group's bulletin is printed stepped into the street to go to work he was killed by two revolver shots (fired) by an individual, who got out of one automobile and then disappeared immediately into another which followed the first.

The murdered man belonged to the Spanish Socialist Party. He had been a refugee for approximately the last two years, and left his Spanish widow and 7 year-old son.

Writer states that the names of the assassins remain a mystery that writer is advancing addressees of case merely as names without making any allusions; writer's society is embarrassed in the publication of writer's bulletin because the murdered man was charged with the correction of the Spanish portion of the bulletin.

Writer notes that the demonstration for the two Polish Socialists was broken up (liquidated) through violent means (firing squad translation) "by our authorities" (in British Guiana).

EXAMINER'S NOTE: The murdered man is possibly not Francisco Castillo, typographer, reported murdered on April 2, 1943 in Mexico, D. F.

The "authorities" referred to may be applied to the Communists who have sought a united anti-fascist front. Writer's group, the United Society, excludes Communists from its membership.

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~~X~~ Revolutionary Party of Italy  
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## TO:

~~X~~ John F. Kennedy  
645 Madison Avenue  
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Cianfarra said the FBI had no information concerning the shooting. He said he was told by a leftist that attempted a raid last night to prevent the dismemberment of Carlo Tresca, a world-famous Anti-Fascist murdered early this year on 5th Avenue, New York's Victoria Park. Cianfarra said the raiding specialists shot his target when he tried to run away. He added that the communists had attacked the residence of Senator Joseph McCarthy by the police. He said 8 persons had been wounded and 1 communist had been killed.

Cianfarra said McCarthy had been ALLEGEDLY wounded in the head when he was hit by the 2 shots at the door. Cianfarra said there was no evidence to support this claim.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		CONSPIRACY	
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**COMMENT**

**POLITICAL**

**EDITOR OF PAPER CLAIMS CREDIT FOR BLOCKING COMMITTEE'S ENTRANCE INTO MEXICAN SOCIETY**

Writer states he has not neglected addresser's appeal. He relates his aid his father, son, Harry & Oliver, to contributed \$50,000 (U. S. 40).

Writer states, "I am engaged in a controversy with Garibaldi, or Garibaldi and that sort, I mean the CP agent in Mexico and his hiring the so called Fred Gould and their part organization, the 'Garibaldi'. The Stalinists tried hard get the control of the 'Garibaldi Society,' here in the U.S. I blocked them there. They tried very hard to break here the Garibaldi using Fred. They have failed also and I can't get the credit for their failure. I will appreciate any information addresser and his group can gather about the activities of Garibaldi writer will also like to get some information for El Partido, New York branch.

Editor's Note: Addresser is a French Trotskyist and residing in Mexico and one of the leaders of the Revolutionary Socialists there; recently he solicited financial aid for the publication of a multilingual pamphlet setting forth the theories of Revolutionary Socialism and he received funds from Harry & Oliver.

Writer is the editor of his paper, El Maestro. Charles M. (or Dr. C. M.) is a Trotskyist and resides in Mexico City. He is a member of the Central Committee of the Mexican Trotskyist Party and one of the heads of directors of the Garibaldi Alliance (ca. 4500), which is the Anti-Revolutionary organization which, in distinction from the Garibaldi Society (ca. 600, 1937, 2100, 1938) accepts Communists and Trotskyists. President Frantz de Francisco (ca. 4000), a Trotskyist and a journalist, shares the same views as the Garibaldi Alliance.

Addresser is a Trotskyist and resides in Mexico City.

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Let us take as an example from the "Supplementary Notes" from the booklet "The Tresca Case", Note 4, which says:

"CARLO TRESCA habitually left his office in the evening, between six-thirty and seven. Only on rare occasions did he stay later.

"A question: How did GALANTE know at 8:30 from where he was that he would arrive in time at 15th Street:

"If he tailed CARLO TRESCA on the preceding nights, he would have been sure of arriving late.

"Now another question is asked: If no one knew of this unusual schedule and of this unusual solitude on the part of TRESCA, how did GALANTE know it? Who told him that on that evening TRESCA would have remained later and left alone?"

FRANK NUCCIO's arrest and his deposition answers us that until the day before the crime, there must have been exact information to establish the fact that January 11th was the definite date.

The automobile was bought in November, it is not supposable that the 11th was the only time it went out, there were other times, this too has been proved, but it never happened with the absolute certainty that it was for the 11th of January, so much so that FRANK NUCCIO had the lock of the garage changed the day before to make sure that the machine would not reenter the place after the execution of the crime.

Now it seems very difficult for whomever knew CARLO TRESCA, to have been able to know exactly 24 hours in advance, what he would have done.

There remains in all this, an undebatable and confirmed date, that CARLO TRESCA, three days before, had an engagement in his office for the evening of the 11th with four people.

It remains certain and undebatable that the four persons did not come.

It is certain that the crime occurred three days before the meeting for the constitution of the Victory Council to which TRESCA had stubbornly refused the visit of a famous "prominent" Fascist.

Today, the arrest of FRANK NUCCIO throws a certain light for whomever wants to see and read in the dates and in the development of the events. A light that did not produce the arrest of GALANTE in spite of the crushing evidence.

The determination with which some persons tried to set public opinion going on the wrong trail, gives us the right to examine carefully the conduct of these people and certain political events that followed the crime.

While the slanderous campaign was raging, the participants of the lowest underworld were boldly showing their security in participating in banquets attended by persons of the political colonial world:

They could attain such security from the fact that the accusations turned exclusively against political elements on the left: Communists, Anarchists, and Republicans.

At the head of such a campaign was and is INIGI ANTONINI who a few weeks after January 11th, made public his collaboration with GENEROSO POPE. A collaboration that he had constantly denied, and that ended recently in the constitution of a Committee for Democracy in Italy.

At this time, ANTONINI, by means of the radio, undertook to defend POPE, declaring that he was a convinced Anti-Fascist, and on the same radio, he weekly attached every Anti-Fascist newspaper published in this country.

Concerning the TRESCA case, ANTONINI wanted the constitution of a committee of which he would be a part. Said committee was made up by FRANK CANCELLIERI and in it participated, too, a lawyer who had before made this declaration to people who present

"First I want to talk to a head of the underworld whom I saved once. He will tell me something....."

Recently it has been learned that this secret counsellor of the underworld was none other than a person dealt with at length by the newspapers these past days.

The committee that was supposed to work to bring to light the crime, naturally remained silent, while ANTONINI continued to persist in his work of disquieting public opinion.

Today arrived the news of the arrest of FRANK NUCCIO and at the same time the itinerary of the flight of one of the greatest suspects - an element of the Fascist underworld -- who from New York went to Florida, then to Colorado, then to San Francisco, and now to Mexico!

The assassination of TRESCA remains a mystery because of the dark forces that want it to remain a mystery. But for the honest Anti-Fascists the responsibilities are becoming ever more clear, and that hand that armed the assassins is becoming ever more distinct!

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

September 8, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sir:

The "New York Daily News" and the "New York Daily Mirror" of August 6, 1943, carried articles to the effect that the New York City Police Department had distributed fifteen thousand circulars throughout the nation offering \$1000.00 for information resulting in the arrest and conviction of the assassin of CARLO TRESCA. The reward was put up by Mrs. MARGUERITE DE SILVA TRESCA, the widow of Subject.

The above is being sent for your information.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy  
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New York 7, N.Y.

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September 16, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for your information copies of an article which appeared in the New York Daily News on September 2, 1943 relative to an attack on Attorney Manfredi, a reputed friend of the subject. MANFREDI was stabbed in the face at 8 o'clock on September 1 as he was about to attend a Socialist Party rally.

This information is being forwarded to the Bureau as it may have some connection with the homicide of CARLO TRESCA.

No further action is contemplated by this office.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy 61-1355-349  
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TRESCA FRIEND KNIFED IN FACE AT LABOR HALL

By Anthony Marine and Warren Hall

Ettore Manfredi, Italian-born anti-Fascist radio commentator and reputed friend of Carlo Tresca, mysteriously slain editor, was stabbed in the face at 8 o'clock last night as he was about to attend a Socialist Party rally in the Labor Temple Presbyterian, 242 East 14th Street.

Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, who arrived a few minutes later to make one of the principal addressees at the meeting, told police that the assault was "sinister."

Fear Other Attempts.

"It is a sinister thing coming on the heels of the unsolved assassination of Carlo Tresca," Thomas said. "This means that more and more attempted assassinations will be used as a weapon of political conflict in America."

Two hours after the stabbing a man approached a patrolman at 42d St. and Seventh Ave. and announced:

"I stabbed a man outside a political meeting in 14th St."

Taken to the W. 30th St. station the man identified himself as Giuseppe Nudi, 47, but refused to give his occupation, address or to explain his act.

Real Name ~~Annania~~.

Manfredo, a 61-year old newspaperman who lives at 35-05 87th St., Jackson Heights, Queens, was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where physicians ordered him taken to the operating room immediately and said his condition was serious.

His landlady in Jackson Heights said Manfredi was "just his broadcasting name." His real name, she said, was ~~J.~~ Annania. Until two months ago, he conducted a daily broadcast on Station WNY entitled "The Happy Vagabond," during which, it was said, he devoted considerable time to denunciation of Fascism.

Giuseppe Gallabi, publishing associate of Tresca on the

61-1335-340  
ENCLOSURE

**Il Martello** (The Hammer), said Manfredi was a "well-known anti-Fascist" and a member of the Mazzini Society, composed of anti-Fascist Italians.

**Few Facts Gathered.**

The announced theme of last night's Socialist rally was "Italy--Victory Through Revolution." In addition to Thomas, the speakers included Angelica Balabanoff, "discoverer" of Mussolini but later one of his arch enemies.

Witnesses to the stabbing were questioned by police but agreed upon little except that the wounded man was a political writer for Italian-language papers and a radio speaker against Fascism.

At the hospital, it was said that 150 stitches were taken in two slashes which extended from Manfredi's left ear to his mouth.

Tresca, also ardently anti-Fascist was shot to death last January at Fifth Ave. and 15th St. Police frequently have expressed the opinion that his assassin was an Axis agent.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

JTG:JSG  
100-9744

October 5, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: CARLO TRESCA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith for your information, two copies of an article written by EZIO-TADDEI in the Italian Communist weekly, L'Unita del Popolo on September 25, 1943.

This article entitled, "The Assassination of Carlo Tresca and Antonini-Pope's Attitude" was translated by Miss Marianita D. Cain of the New York Field Division.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
E. E. CONROY, SAC

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6 OCT 29 1943

THE ASSASSINATION OF CARLO TRESCA  
AND  
ANTONINI-POPE'S ATTITUDE

Last Friday, September 10, the proprietor of a garage in Brooklyn, a certain FRANK NUCCIO, 23 years of age, living on Elizabeth Street, 230, was secretly arrested.

Agent Joseph Potter of the Tenth Squad identified NUCCIO who admitted that he was the tenant of the garage on Elizabeth Street, in which there were rented eight places for automobiles. Since the garage was private, the clients had to be trustful and well-known people because every one of them was assigned a key to the place.

FRANK NUCCIO was held under \$25,000 bail as material witness at the disposal of the Grand Jury before whom he will have to go to testify soon on the case of Tresca's murder.

When on the evening of February 11, the assassins abandoned the automobile near the place of the crime, they forgot to take away the bunch of keys from the dashboard, so that, then the police, coming into possession of them, made the necessary investigations to establish the use of each one of them.

It happened from the start, that one of said keys should open the lock of the garage on Elizabeth, for there existed suspicions that the automobile of the crime had been sheltered there in the days preceding the crime. However, contrary to this guess, none of the attached keys could open the door of the garage.

Only recently has it been discovered that NUCCIO had the lock changed on January 10th by a neighboring locksmith, who has testified to this effect and he produced the old lock from which it was able to be proved that one of the keys attached was the right one.

FRANK NUCCIO's home is next door to that of the famous CARMINE GALANTE. CARMINE GALANTE was arrested on Elizabeth Street and Prince Street in front of NUCCIO's house. FRANK NUCCIO admitted giving shelter to the automobile that was used for the assassination of CARLO TRESCA, which is the same one that TONY MIRARICH recognized as the one that had tried to run down TRESCA on 12th Street on the night of January 9, and NUCCIO has always admitted knowing GALANTE.

This new development in the TRESCA case cannot leave us indifferent, because a logical connection can be found in what we said before.

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